

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

It needs to be required that these services be provided within the 24 months they claim, I have trouble supporting Directv due to problems in the past and poor customer service, the new company should be required to answer their phones and provide live assistance within seconds, and the subscriber should be able to build the package they want, a pricing tier should be established and from this tier the customer should be able to select any channels he/she wants, as long as it falls into the number of programs available for that package, for instance, if package A will let you have 130 choices, then you should be able to mix and match anyway you want to equal 130. I don't like sports, I don't care about spanish etc so I should not have to have these anywhere on my tv, and I should not have to pay for it.

Sincerely,

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